

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
U.S. Appl. No. 09/731,418

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application.

By this amendment, the specification has been amended to correctly identify related applications. Although it is believed that the related applications were fully identified in the original application, some inconsistencies due to typographical errors were present. Also, the serial number for ZAM-0001 has been added because it was unknown at the time of filing.

It is believed that the present amendments place the application in better form for examination. Accordingly, an early and favorable consideration on the merits is earnestly solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

Page 1, first full paragraph:

The present application is related to commonly owned, co-pending U.S. [patent application] Appln. Serial No. 09/709,187, entitled "Scalable Storage [System]" by David Raccah et al., filed November 10, 2000[.] (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0001), U.S. Appln. Serial No. 09/659,107, entitled "Storage System Having Partitioned Migratable Metadata," filed September 11, 2000 (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0003) and U.S. Appln. Serial No. [09/659,107] 09/664,677, entitled "File Storage System Having Separation of Components," filed September 19, 2000 (Atty. Dkt. ZAM-0004), [commonly owned by the present assignee,] the contents of each being incorporated herein by reference.